



BAY BREEZE

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There is nothing like lying flat on your back on the deck, alone except for the helmsman aft at the wheel, silence except for the lapping of the sea against the side of the ship. At that time you can be equal to Ulysses and brother to him. - Errol Flynn

This newsletter is being written on the Ides of July and the true center of our summer. These great days are fleeting, so enjoy each to the fullest. I'm out the door and off to Chicago for the 101st Race to Mackinac with my fingers crossed for wind.

INTRODUCING SOME OF OUR NEW EYC MEMBERS: (Forgive me & let me know if I missed you).

Dave & Joanne Pinozek of Escanaba have joined the club. They have been regulars at the harbor for some time. Dave grew up on his dad's boat. Dave & Joanne, along with their son, Kyle, and dog, Breezy, are well known by the group on Pier 3 where they dock their powerboat, "Island Dog"

Mark Norton & Gaye Smaniotto from the Ford River area are also regulars at the harbor who have now joined the club. Mark & Gaye have recently upsized to a new power boat which is on the "L" dock. These avid boaters regularly take significant cruises on the lake.

Matt Edgell & Sue Allan of Marquette. By the time this goes to press, these two will likely be married as a summer wedding is planned. Matt and Sue own the Islander 30 sailboat, "Cool Change" which is docked toward the end of Pier 3. They certainly lend two bright smiles to our harbor. Great to have Marquette people aboard.

Dick & Ann Pfothauer of Gladstone. "Aunt Ann & Uncle Dick" are back! These old time boaters and yacht club members are heartily welcomed back.

Dan & Barb Ross. "Boss Ross" is a fixture in its slip on the main wall. Dan and Barb are back as members and can regularly be seen holding court at the picnic table in front of the boat or at their new retirement "lake house" in Escanaba.

Tom & Barb Agerter. Tom is an old "harbor rat" from the 70s, and the former Barb Lee is originally from Escanaba as well. These new members recently accomplished an incredible feat in the world-renowned "Bermuda 1-2 Race." Tom single-handed their 30-foot sailboat from Newport, RI to Bermuda, and the couple double-handed the boat back with third-place finishes in each race. Trophies and a Bermudian flag now grace our trophy case as the boat sailed for the EYC. We thank this amazing couple for the publicity and glory they bring to the club.

RECENT EVENTS

The Commodore's Dinner had a great turnout. Dan & Roxanne Branson put together an excellent meal as always. It was a great night of good food and good friends. Dan & Roxanne would like to thank the clean up crew of Bob Johnson, John T. & Mary Anthony and Sarah & Greg Gardner -- "We couldn't have done it without all your help."

July 4th Brunch - Hosts Fred & Mary Weisse would like to express their gratitude to all the volunteers who helped make this annual event a big success and which was enjoyed by members and non-members alike. Over 100 people attended! In alphabetical order, Fred and Mary would like to thank: Chip Cipolla, Tom & Dottie Ford, Larry Gravatt, Jim & Alice Hansen, Amber Lippold, Deann O'Dell & her daughter, Ken Penokie, Gail, Randy & Andrew Rice, Mike Sundstrom, Mike Van Den Branden & Robin Lindenberg -- "You're the ones who made this event great!"

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The August series of EYC sailboat racing starts Wednesday, July 29. The skippers' meetings will be at 6:00 p.m., and the starts are scheduled at approximately 7:00 p.m. A social hour with snacks will follow each race. There will be a five race series concluding on August 26. We hope to see you out there.

On Friday and Saturday August 7 & 8, the annual **EYC/GYC "Wegotta Regatta"** event will take place with a cocktail party at EYC on Friday, and a sailboat race and party at GYC on Saturday. As always, this promises to be great fun. Larry & Sudy Gravatt hope to secure a band and will prepare great food. Watch your mail (or check our website at www.escanabayachtclub.com) for details.

We can look forward to the **EYC Regatta & Pig Roast** on August 22. Chip Cipolla will host. Details will be mailed soon (or check the website).

OF INTEREST:

Jackson Harbor Soundings - Marilyn Kinsey and Glendon Brown were kind enough to share with us a chart of the soundings they made at Jackson Harbor earlier this summer. As some of you know, the bottom in that harbor can be difficult to avoid at times. Check the website for a detailed chart and Google Earth® image (provided by John Anthony) which will help you on your next visit to the Island.